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Subject: Cuneo Press Site, Chicago Cook County, Illinois
POLREP: Final State Notification: IEPA notified
Date(s): September 1994- March 1995
Delivery Order: 5001-05-633 Response Authority: CERCLA
Start Date: September, 1994
Site ID#: BO
Action Memorandum Status: Approved NPL Status: non-NPL

Background:

The Cuneo Press Site was an abandoned, deteriorated warehouse located in the south side of Chicago. Drums of unknown contents were abandoned throughout the facility. Some of the drums were corroded and leaking. The drums are easily accessible to vagrants living in the facility and reportedly the drum contents were being used to burn scrap and inhaled to become intoxicated.

USEPA mobilized to the site with Superior Environmental Services on September 12, 1994. The crew was onsite for one week during which time they secured and staged approximately 320 waste containers. Samples were obtained from each container and field screened. Five separate waste were identified included flammable, inert liquids and solids and caustic liquids. Composite samples were obtained and analyzed.

USEPA inspected four underground storage tanks (UST) including a 50,000 gallon fuel oil tank and three 10,000 gallon UST located near the southern border of the site. The fuel oil tank was discovered to be empty. Samples were obtained from the three southern UST. One tank contained about 1500 gallons of toluene and the other two contained a total of 11,750 gallons of toluene and water.

In November 1994, the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP) under a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) were ordered to arrange

disposal of the drums and implement closure of the USTs.

The PRPs completed all work required under the UAO except the disposal of one drum and the closure of the USTs.

USEPA pumped out the USTs and arranged disposal on January 20 and 27, 1995.

The PRPs reassumed UST closure activities and obtained a permit from the City of Chicago. The USTs were pulled with direct oversight from the City of Chicago. An additional UST was discovered by the PRPs and to date has not been properly closed or sampled but is believed to contain primarily water with traces of toluene.

FUTURE ACTIONS:

None

KEY ISSUES:

None

ESTIMATED COST:

	COST
ERCS	\$ 64,475
TAT	\$ 7,423
USEPA	\$ 10,420
TOTAL COST	\$ 82,318